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On June 19, 2003, the Applicants representative, Robb Edmonds, contacted Examiner Benjamin Utech via telephone to discuss the Office Action dated March 19, 2003. The Examiner was contacted to discuss the obviousness-type rejections asserted in the Office Action. Unexpected results were discussed, but Applicants primarily argued that the Examiner had not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness. No agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No.

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